

## P A T E N T C L A I M S

1. A Venetian blind (1) comprising at least two vertically expanding ladder members (3), each ladder member (3) comprising at least a first vertical member (4) placed on a first side of at least one carrier member (2), and which by a plurality of vertically spaced ladder rungs (5, 11) is connected to at least one other vertical member (4) placed on another, opposite side of the at least one carrier member (2), a plurality of horizontally arranged cross slats (6) each having a longitudinal axis and each being supported on each of the ladder members (3) by at least one of the ladder rungs (5) between the two vertical members (4), characterized in that each of the at least two ladder members (3) in at least one of their ladder rungs (5, 11) is carried by the at least one carrier member (2).

2. A Venetian blind (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that the carrier member (2) comprises at least two fixing devices (7) for fixing a corresponding number of ladder members (3).

3. A Venetian blind (1) according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that it further comprises adjustment means (10) for adjustment of the at least one carrier member (2) for adjustment of the tilting of each of the cross slats (6) around the longitudinal axis of the cross slats (6).

4. A Venetian blind (1) according to claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the at least two ladder members (3) are fixed on the at least one carrier member (2), the upper ladder rung (11) of

each of the at least two ladder members (3) being fixed on each of the at least two fixing devices (7).

5. A Venetian blind (1) according to one of the claims 1 to 4, characterized in that  
the ladder rungs (5, 11) of the ladder members (3)  
are fixed on the at least one carrier member (2) by  
means of a clip (9) snap fastened over the carrier  
member (2).

6. A Venetian blind (1) according to claim 5,  
10 characterized in that the ladder rung  
(5, 11) is secured by the clip (9) pressing the  
ladder rung (5, 11) against the carrier member (2),  
and preferably the clip (9) is pressing the upper  
ladder rung (11) against the carrier member (2) in  
15 substantially its entire length.

7. A Venetian blind (1) according to claim 5 or  
6, characterized in that the ladder rung  
(5, 11) exits the clip (9) through gaps so  
narrow that they prevent the joints between the  
20 vertical members (4) and the fixed ladder rung (5,  
11) from being drawn past the clip (9).

8. A Venetian blind (1) according to one of the  
claims 1 to 7, characterized in that  
along part of the circumference of the at least one  
25 carrier member (2) at least one groove (8) exists for  
receiving one of each of the ladder rungs (11) of the  
ladder members (3).

9. A Venetian blind (1) according to one of the  
claims 1 to 8, characterized in that  
30 the fixing devices (7) are manufactured from moulded  
plastic.

10. A Venetian blind according to one of the  
claims 1 to 9, characterized in that

each of the ladder members (3) is carried in at least two ladder rungs (5, 11).

11. Method for mounting each of the at least two vertically expanding ladder members (3) to the carrier member (2) when mounting a Venetian blind (1) according to one of the claims 1 to 10, wherein at least one of each of the ladder rungs (5, 11) of the at least two ladder members (3) is guided over the carrier member (2) so as to be carried by this.

10       12. Method according to claim 11, characterized in that, when being guided over the carrier member (2), each of the ladder rungs (5, 11) of the at least two ladder members (3) is received in the groove (8) of the clip  
15 (9).